



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - November 6, 2003**

- ***In the West***, a few rain showers are developing along the ***California coast***, but cool, dry weather prevails elsewhere in the region. Cold weather continues to limit ***Northwestern*** winter wheat development.
- ***On the Plains***, very cold weather lingers across ***northern portions of the region***, where this morning's low temperatures generally ranged from -10 to 5 degrees F. A shallow to moderately deep snow cover continues to provide some protection for the ***northern High Plains***' poorly established winter wheat crop. Cool weather and soil moisture shortages are slowing wheat growth on the ***central and southern Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, lingering rain showers across the ***Ohio Valley*** are slowing corn and final soybean harvesting, while cold, dry weather favors a limited return to fieldwork elsewhere in the ***Midwest***.
- ***In the South***, locally heavy showers persist in ***southern Florida***, while warm, dry weather favors late-autumn fieldwork elsewhere in the ***Gulf Coast region***. Meanwhile, locally heavy showers are slowing field activities across the ***interior South***, including the ***northern Delta***.

**Outlook:** For the remainder of today, locally heavy rain will accompany a slow-moving front crossing the ***Delta, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic States***. In the front's wake, cold weather currently entrenched across ***northern and central portions of the Rockies and Plains*** will overspread the ***eastern one-third of the U.S.*** Elsewhere, scattered snow showers will accompany cool weather in the ***Midwest*** through week's end, while wet weather will return to ***California and the Great Basin***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 11-15 calls for above-normal precipitation across the ***southern Plains and Southeast***, while drier-than-normal conditions are expected in the ***Pacific Northwest, northern Rockies, and northern Plains***. Above-normal temperatures are forecast from the ***Plains to the East Coast***, while cooler-than-normal weather is expected in the ***West***.

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